

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) An air bag comprising:

a rear section and a front section;

a gas inlet disposed in the rear section, and

a connecting piece located inside the air bag and connecting the front section to the rear section;

wherein an outer shell of the air bag is formed by a rear panel having the gas inlet, and a plurality of front panels connected to form the front section,

wherein an extending piece extends from one of the front panels into the air bag, the extending piece and the rear section being connected by a ~~mid-panel, and panel,~~

wherein the connecting piece is formed by the extending piece and the ~~mid-panel; and panel,~~

wherein the front panels include a front upper panel and a front lower panel and one of the front upper panel and the front lower panel include a body portion and the extending piece formed integrally with the ~~body portion, and portion,~~

wherein an edge of the other of the front upper panel and the front lower panel is connected to a boundary portion between the body portion and the extending piece, and

wherein the rear panel is directly connected to both the front upper panel and the front lower panel.

3. (Original) The air bag of claim 2, wherein the extending piece has an opening through which gas circulates.

4. (Original) The air bag of claim 2, wherein a connecting portion between the boundary portion and the edge of the other panel is placed inside the air bag.

5. (Currently Amended) The air bag of claim 2,  
wherein a top portion of the front upper panel, side portions on both sides thereof, and  
side portions on both sides of the front lower panel are positioned on sides of the air bag,  
wherein the top portion of the front upper panel ~~is being~~ connected to the rear panel  
on an upper surface of the ~~air bag, and~~ air bag,  
wherein the side portions of the front upper panel and the side portions of the front  
lower panel are connected to the rear panel on sides of the air bag, and  
wherein a lower edge of the front lower panel is connected to the rear panel at a  
bottom of the air bag.

6. (Original) The air bag of claim 5, wherein a connecting portion between the front  
upper panel and the rear panel, and a connecting portion between the front lower panel and  
the rear panel are placed inside the air bag.

7. (Currently Amended) The air bag of claim 2,  
wherein the panels are connected together by sewing, and  
wherein the air bag is reversed through an unsewn portion of the rear panel.

8. (Currently Amended) A passenger-side air bag comprising:  
a front section including a pair of front panels forming an exterior surface,  
wherein both front panels are positioned to face a passenger when the air bag ~~deploys;~~  
deploys,  
wherein one of the pair of front panels includes an integrally formed rearward  
extending section located inside the air bag and connecting the front section to a rear section,  
wherein the rearward extending section includes an opening formed ~~therein; and~~  
therein,  
wherein a rear panel, which comprises a gas inlet, is directly connected to both of the  
front panels, and  
wherein a seam joining the pair of front panels is located away from the exterior  
surface so that the seam cannot contact the passenger when the air bag deploys.

9. (Currently Amended) The air bag of claim 8, wherein the rear section includes the rear-a-rear panel and a mid panel, and wherein the mid panel is being connected to the rearward extending section and the rear panel.

10. (Previously Presented) The air bag of claim 9, wherein the mid panel includes a gas inlet opening for receiving pressurized gas from a gas generator.

11. (Currently Amended) A passenger-side air bag comprising:  
a front section including a pair of front panels forming an exterior surface,  
wherein both front panels are positioned to face a passenger when the air bag deploys;  
wherein one of the pair of front panels includes a rearward extending section located inside the air bag and connecting the front section to a rear section;  
wherein the rear section includes a rear panel and a mid panel, the mid panel being connected to the rearward extending section and the rear panel;  
wherein a seam joining the pair of front panels is located away from the exterior surface so that the seam cannot contact the passenger when the air bag deploys;  
wherein the rearward extending section and the mid panel divide the air bag into upper and lower chambers;  
wherein the rear panel, which comprises a gas inlet, is directly connected to both of the front panels; and  
wherein the rearward extending section includes at least one opening formed therein for allowing gas to pass between the chambers.

12. (Previously Presented) The air bag of claim 8, wherein the front and rear sections of the air bag are connected together at a connecting seam that is positioned away from an exterior of the air bag so that the connecting seam cannot contact the passenger when the air bag deploys.

13. (Previously Presented) An airbag device comprising an airbag according to claim 8 and an inflator positioned in a container.

14. (Previously Presented) An airbag device comprising an airbag according to claim 11 and an inflator positioned in a container

15. (Previously Presented) An airbag device comprising an airbag according to claim 2 and an inflator.